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Defense Asks Support For Family Housing

About half the FY67 Construction Authorization Bill request is for family housing support, as disclosed in Congressional testimony by Paul R. Ignatius, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Installations and Logistics.

Total request is for $1.045 billion for active and reserve forces and defense agencies. About $522 million is earmarked for family housing including operating expenses, leasing, and maintenance.

Secretary Ignatius said no new family housing construction is planned. He attributed this to substantial Southeast Asia requirements, rather than any lessening of Defense interest in the need for new construction.

"Our requirement for housing is still urgent at many locations," he said, "and we currently have an outstanding deficit of over 40,000 units."

90% Savings Bond Goal Set for Federal Employees

Nine out of every 10 Federal employees buying U.S. Savings Bonds regularly is long range goal for the Federal Government announced by Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien set his sights on the 90 percent participation target in presenting a Minuteman Flag to the White House in recognition of achievement in becoming the first Federal agency in the 25 year history of the bond program to achieve 100 percent participation.

Appearing in his capacity as Chairman of the Interdepartmental Savings Bond Committee, the Postmaster General said his immediate goal is to have 75 percent of all Federal personnel signed up in the payroll savings plan during the month-long 1966 campaign which begins May 1.

Air Force Needs 27,000 Civilian Employees

Air Force has 27,000 newly authorized civilian personnel vacancies to fill in the U.S. and overseas within next few months.

Most urgently needed are 3,000 qualified technicians in electronics, mechanical engineering and equipment specialist fields in grades of GS-9, 11 and 12. Other vacancies cover a wide range of occupational specialties.

NEW CHAIRMAN—Dr. John C. Warner (right), newly-elected chairman of Air Univ. Board of Visitors, chats with Lt. Gen. John W. Carpenter III, USAF Univ. commander, and Rev. Laurence J. McGinley, S.J., outgoing chairman, at a board meeting at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Dr. Warner is President Emeritus of the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

McNamara Discounts Report Of Bomb, Shipping Problems

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has discounted a report of bomb shortages and military shipping bottlenecks in the Republic of Vietnam.

He cited figures on bomb inventories and revealed planned production figures for coming months. Concerning shipping, the secretary revealed that last November's congestion has been reduced to a below normal level.

Secretary McNamara placed the tonnage-rate of bombs dropped in Southeast Asia at roughly treble that dropped by tactical aircraft during WWII in all of Western Europe.

Planned tonnage for CY66, he said, equals 91 percent of that dropped in 37 months of the Korean War.

Latest reports from service and defense officials returning from RVN showed 34 military-cargo vessels either unloading or awaiting unloading. This was compared by Secretary McNamara to last November when there were more than 100 ships in this category.

Washington Memos

AIR OPERATIONS LEVEL carried on in Southeast Asia is unprecedented, said Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara. No ground operations in the history of war have ever had this level of air support, he said, adding that it was planned this way.

TOTAL BOMB TONNAGE dropped in March, the secretary noted, was approximately 50,000 tons or slightly higher; almost three times tonnage dropped in average month of Korean War.

USCG'S NEWEST CONSTRUCTION tender, Cutter Spike, was commissioned April 13 at Dorchester, N.J. The 75-foot tender with her 84-foot barge will be homeported in Mayport, Fla., and will maintain aids to navigation in Intercoastal Waterway from Mosquito Lagoon (near Oak Hill, Fla.) to Mayport.

CREW OF NAVY'S aircraft carrier USS Ranger gave 1,447 units of blood for combat troops in RVN while docked at Yokosuka, Japan. Lab technicians from Army's 406th Medical Laboratory, Japan, helped ship's corpsmen collect the blood.

SEVENTY-NINE CIVILIANS invited by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara to participate in the 36th Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, April 21-28 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Conference is direct and personal effort by Sec. McNamara to let conferees, representing geographic and occupational cross-section of country, see for themselves how DOD is operated.

IN A CONTINUING effort to improve U.S.-Korean relations, 2d Infantry Division has created position of KATUSA-American Relations Officer, who will carry on a continuous course of instruction in KATUSA-American relations for all U.S. forces in Korea.

NAVY'S AVIATION SUPPLY Office, Philadelphia, Pa., has begun planning spare parts support for 44 F-4 Phantom II jet fighter aircraft to be purchased by England. Aircraft will be bought through Navy's BuWeps under an international cooperative program.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE officials say married persons must file new form W-4 to obtain correct withholding under new Federal income tax withholding system. If form is not filed, employer must treat married persons as single, withholding more of their pay.

NASA HAS REORGANIZED its procurement office, creating two new divisions. Paul A. Barron was named Assistant Director of new Procurement for Policy and Review Division and William P. Risso, Assistant Director of Procurement for Contract Management Division.

GEORGE W. BERGQUIST sworn in as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Management Systems Development) in Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). He was formerly employed as Director, Plans and Programs Division, BuWeps, Navy Dept.

U.S. SAVINGS BONDS Series E and H are redeemable at fixed prices, at any time after initial two-month holding period, without possible loss of initial investment.

AN ENTIRE FAMILY is now serving in RVN. When CWO Robert E. Tully Sr., USA, 34th Avn. Gp., arrived there recently he joined his wife Capt. Ethel Tully, MC, USA, Third Field Hospital, and sons Sgt. Robert E. Tully Jr., USMC, and Cpl. Ronald J. Tully, USMC. The sons have been there nine months and the mother six months.

AMERICAN LEGION'S GENERAL William E. Mitchell Memorial Award, highest honor bestowed by Legion's Aviator's Post, presented to Gen. B. A. Schriever, Commander, USAF Systems Command, for his "outstanding contributions to the aerospace science and military posture of the United States."

NEW RIFLE SIGHT under development by Army does away with traditional front and rear sights and sight picture. It uses twin-eyed optical system to superimpose cross hairs on target image. Once rifleman places hairs squarely on target, he can fire with deadly accuracy.

NAVY DEPARTMENT HAS again reminded users of Fleet Post Office system that commencing this month, all official mail with FPO addresses using obsolete Navy number addresses without ZIP CODE will be returned to sender by postal concentration centers. Official mail using superseded ZIP CODES will be returned to sender July 1. Detailed information is contained in OPNAV Notice 2700 of March 14, 1966.

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS have chosen U.S. Savings Bonds for building toward economic security for themselves, their community and their children.

FIRST NON-FRENCHMAN TO receive the Gold Medal of the French Musical Federation is CWO Charles T. Shelton, Bandmaster, 118th U.S. Army Band, Verdun, France. Medal was presented during a concert in Fraize.

PROMINENT CIVIC, BUSINESS and professional leaders from all over U.S. will join Secretary of the Army and top military leaders for 12th Annual Civilian Aides Conference at Ft. Benning, Ga., April 24-26.

AIR FORCE REALIZED $5,000 savings annually when a contract with Japanese National Railways for maintenance of a military sidetrack at Fuchu Air Station, Japan, was discontinued because track was not in use and would have no foreseeable use.

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Background for Commanders

U.S. Policy Toward Communist China

Secretary of State Rusk, in recent testimony before Congress, listed 10 main elements our policy toward Communist China should include:

"**First,** we must remain firm in our determination to help those allied nations which seek our help to resist the direct and indirect use or threat of force against their territory by Peiping.

"**Second,** we must continue to assist the countries of Asia in building broadly based effective governments, devoted to progressive economic and social policies, which can better withstand Asian Communist pressures and maintain the security of their people.

"**Third,** we must honor our commitments to the Republic of China and to the people on Taiwan who do not want to live under communism. We will continue to assist in their defense and to try to persuade the Chinese Communists to join with us in renouncing the use of force in the area of Taiwan.

"**Fourth,** we will continue our efforts to prevent the expulsion of the Republic of China from the United Nations or its agencies. So long as Peiping follows its present course it is extremely difficult for us to see how it can be held to fulfill the requirements set forth in the charter for membership, and the United States opposes its membership. . . .

"**Fifth,** we should continue our efforts to reassure Peiping that the United States does not intend to attack mainland China. There are, of course, risks of war with China. This was true in 1950. . . It is true today in Vietnam. But we do not want war. We do not intend to provoke war. There is no fatal inevitability of war with Communist China. The Chinese Communists have, as I have already said, acted with caution when they foresaw a collision with the United States. We have acted with restraint and care in the past and we are doing so today. I hope that they will realize this and guide their actions accordingly.

"**Sixth,** we must keep firmly in our minds that there is nothing eternal about the policies and attitudes of Communist China. We must avoid assuming the existence of an unending and inevitable state of hostility between ourselves and the rulers of mainland China.

"**Seventh,** when it can be done without jeopardizing other U.S. interests, we should continue to enlarge the possibilities for unofficial contacts between Communist China and ourselves—contacts which may gradually assist in altering Peiping's picture of the United States.

"In this connection, we have gradually expanded the categories of American citizens who may travel to Communist China. American libraries may freely purchase Chinese Communist publications. American citizens may send and receive mail from the mainland. We have in the past indicated that if the Chinese themselves were interested in purchasing grain we would consider such sales. We have indicated our willingness to allow Chinese Communist newspapermen to come to the United States. We are prepared to permit American universities to invite Chinese Communist scientists to visit their institutions.

"We do not expect that for the time being the Chinese Communists will seize upon these avenues of contact or exchange. All the evidence suggests Peiping wishes to remain isolated from the United States. But we believe it is in our interests that such channels be opened and kept open. We believe contact and communication are not incompatible with a firm policy of containment.

"**Eighth,** we should keep open our direct diplomatic contacts with Peiping in Warsaw. While these meetings frequently provide merely an opportunity for a reiteration of known positions, they play a role in enabling each side to communicate information and attitudes in times of crisis. It is our hope that they might at some time become the channel for a more fruitful dialog.

"**Ninth,** we are prepared to sit down with Peiping and other countries to discuss the critical problems of disarmament and nonproliferation of nuclear weapons. Peiping has rejected all suggestions and invitations to join in such talks. It has attacked the test ban treaty. It has advocated the further spread of nuclear weapons to nonnuclear countries. It is an urgent task of all countries to persuade Peiping to change its stand.

"**Tenth,** we must continue to explore and analyze all available information on Communist China and keep our own policies up to date. We hope that Peiping's policies may one day take account of the desire of the people of Asia and her own people for peace and security. We have said, in successive administrations, that when Peiping abandons the aggressive use of force and shows that it is not irrevocably hostile to the United States, then expanded contacts and improved relations may become possible. This continues to be our position."

Navy Mutual Aid Association Elects

Adm. David L. McDonald, USN, CNO, has been reelected President of the Navy Mutual Aid Assoc. Other officers elected for membership were RAdm. A. H. Van Keuren, USN (ret.), First Vice President; VAdm. V. R. Murphy, USN (ret.), Second Vice President; Lt. Gen. R. C. Mangrum, USMC, Third Vice President; VAdm K. K. Cowart, USCG (ret.), Fourth Vice President; and Cdr. F. H. O'Connell, MC, USN, Vice President-Medical Director.

5th AF Suggestion Cuts Sentry Dog Food Cost

Air Force has received a suggestion that will cut cost of dog food within its Fifth Air Force by nearly half.

Sentry dogs of the 5th AF had been fed an average of 912.5 pounds of rations annually, at a cost of 10.9 cents a pound. In one case the dry food was supplemented with canned food at twice the cost.

In all, the total yearly cost was $42,227. Arrangements have been made to buy approved, high quality rations in 50-pound bags at 7.5 cents a pound; canned rations were deleted; and yearly projected savings of $20,000 have resulted.

Army Assumes Navy Duties in Saigon

Newly-formed U.S. Army Headquarters Area Command, RVN, has assumed Saigon-Cholon area administrative, logistical and support service activities formerly administered by Navy's Headquarters Support Activity, Saigon.

Under command of Brig. Gen. Robert L. Ashworth, the new headquarters will operate billeting services, clubs and messes, commissary and clothing sales, provost marshal activities and others, supporting American and Free World forces in Saigon.

SNIPER COMMANDER—Capt. Robert A. Russell, USMC, OIC of Marine sniper school in RVN, advises all snipers, "Quit smoking. You can't smoke once you're in position or Charlie will spot you first." The veteran shooter also emphasizes mental discipline.

Polaris Missile in Full Cycle

The submarine USS George Washington has fired latest version of Navy's Polaris missile from beneath the seas off Cape Kennedy, Fla.

The new A-3 Polaris has a 2,500-nautical mile range.

USS Lake Champlain To be Decommissioned

Antisubmarine warfare (ASW) carrier USS Lake Champlain and one ASW air group will be decommissioned by the end of June, the Secretary of the Navy has announced.

The Lake Champlain, originally commissioned in 1945, is homeported at NAS Quonset Point, R.I., and is the only straight deck carrier still operational in the Navy. After she leaves the fleet, four angled-deck ASW carriers will remain in the Atlantic and four in the Pacific. Four additional ASW carriers are in the reserve fleet.

Decommissioning of the 30,000-ton ship will result in a reduction of annual defense operating costs of about $20 million.

Unsolicited Proposals Benefit AF, Industry

During the first half of FY66, Air Force accepted and funded, at a cost of $18.5 million, 319 unsolicited proposals received from industry and science.

Maj. Gen. Gerald F. Keeling, Deputy CofS for Procurement and Production, Air Force Systems Command, said the proposals accepted—26.8 percent of 1,189 given technical evaluations—promise needed technological advances in operational aerospace systems.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Maj. Gen. James T. McGibony, Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, appointed to Board of Trustees, American Hospital Assoc. **Maj. Gen. James C. Sherrill, USAF,** transferred from duty as Deputy Director for Transportation, J-4, The Joint Staff, JCS, to duty as Special Asst. for Strategic Mobility, JCS. **Brig. Gen. Royal Hatch, USAF,** Commander, 1st AF Reserve Region, COMAC, Stewart AFB, N. Y. to retire May 1. **Brig. Gen. Richard H. Free, USA,** USA Engineer Division, Southwestern, Dallas, Tex., transferred to Hq., USAMC, Washington, D. C., June 1. **Brig. Gen. George L. Mabry Jr., USA,** transferred from Hq., 1st Armored Div., Ft. Hood, Tex., to USA Combat Developments Command Experimentation Command, Ft. Ord, Calif., by July 25. **Brig. Gen. Robert G. Fergusson, USA,** to be promoted to major general June 3.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Canadian Commercial Corp., Ottawa, Canada: $1,618,000 fixed-price contract for warhead metal parts. **(Army)**

Philco Corp., Newport Beach, Calif.: $2,007,676 cost-plus-incentive fee contract for grenade launchers and barrels. **(Army)**

Stelina, Inc., Stamford, Conn.: $3,011,197 fixed-price contract for telegraph terminal equipment for naval communications. **(Navy)**

Stewart-Warner Corp., Chicago, Ill.: $1,548,308 fixed-price contract for components for the ARM-52 aircraft navigational set. **(Navy)**

Federal Electric Corp., Richland, Wash.: $1,979,750 fixed-price contract for production of generator sets. **(Air Force)**

Wales Co., Boston, Mass.: $1,316,000 fixed-price contract for 35,000 men's wool gabardine overcoats with removable liners. **(DSA)**

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